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837th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion (Terminal)

1st Qtr, FY 2005

Commander's Corner

LTC Richard J. Kramer
Battalion Commander

First of all, congratulations to SSG Jules and SSG Bartel for their recent selections to Sergeant First Class. We look forward to their continued contributions to the battalion, and in their next assignments where they will assume even greater responsibility in leading NCOs and soldiers alike. A job well done!

As another quarter quickly comes to an end, I realize that my command time is rapidly passing. I am absolutely blessed to lead this fine team of KNs, Military, KATUSAs and DACs, which make up the Kargo Kings.

We've remained very busy the last quarter in the execution and planning of missions and providing Course of Action analysis for the theater staffs - especially the USMC on several key projects. Additionally, the deployment of the 35th ADA Bde into the KTO and the 23rd Chemical Bn out of the KTO, both using Liner Service went very smoothly for the unit, the carriers and the battalion staff who coordinated the effort.

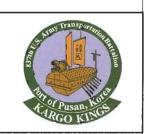
As I write this, we have several NCOs on the ground in Thailand and in Kuwait supporting operations in both Areas of Responsibility. We continue to plan and train accordingly for future support to SDDC and preparation of our NCOs to deploy accordingly. For 2nd Quarter, the battalion remains completely focused on supporting relief operations, exercise RSOI, Foal Eagle, Freedom Banner, Turbo CADS 05 and unit moves out of the KTO.

The planning for the closure of Camp Hialeah progresses along. With nearly \$500 million allocated in the ROK budget this year to the Yongsan relocation, the 2ID move and other base realignments, we expect Camp Hialeah to close in Aug 2006. We are studying all the options with the theater engineers and staff and our focus is to provide support to the theater while maintaining a QOL for our DACs/Mil without going to remote tours. We are confident the theater staff will provide us all the required support possible.

Happy New Year to the Kargo Kings and the theater! As to 2005 - Bring it on!

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XO's Corner

MAJ Terry Draper

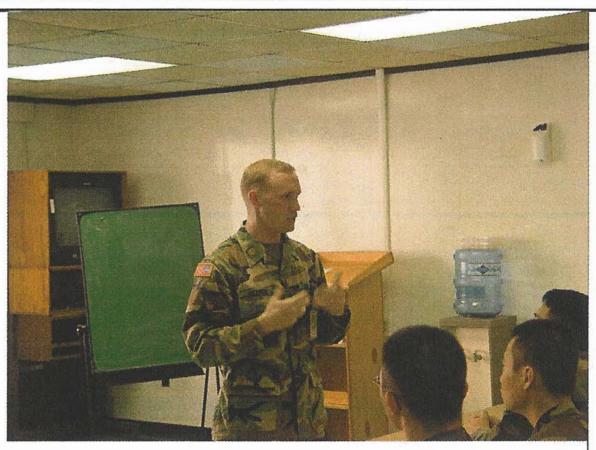
Battalion Executive Officer

Greetings once again everyone! Another quarter has come to a close and much has been accomplished once again by all of the great KARGO KINGS! We loaded more ships, conducted a NEO Exercise, participated in the JSIVA staff assistance visit, and held our annual orphanage children's Christmas Party. Of particular note was the simultaneous operations of the 23rd Chemical Battalion departing the KTO for CONUS and the 35th ADA Battalion arriving to the KTO. A lot of coordination, planning, expertise and oversight had to take place for all of this to happen successfully. A lot of moving parts having to be synchronized perfectly and our folks made it happen.

I want to send my congratulations to SSG Bartell and SSG Jules for being selected to the rank of Sergeant First Class. It will be nice to see an extra rocker on their collars in the near future and with the increase in rank will come the increase in responsibility. I know they can handle the mail and we'll give them that opportunity shortly! Job well done.

With the coming of the holiday season, we also need to remember our teammates that are still forward deployed in support of OIF. SFC Sprague, SSG Jules and Mr. MacPherson continue to be deployed to Kuwait in support of the 599th Group HQ. While we wish they could be here to celebrate the season with us, our thoughts and prayers go out to them and we will continue to support their families back here. We look forward to their safe return at the

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MAJ Terry Draper gives safety tips during Christmas holiday safety briefing.

beginning of the new year and will welcome them back to the battalion with open arms.

The upcoming quarter will be just as exciting with some units preparing to return to CONUS under the current Army restructuring plan. We will continue to see more of this in the future, and as we all know, Camp Hialeah will be a part of the restructuring as we currently understand the plan. Pier 8, we believe, will always be a mainstay in Busan and we don't expect that to change anytime soon! The KARGO KINGS will continue to work as the theater, port workhorse from the pier in Busan Harbor!!

I would like to wish everyone a very, happy holiday season and I hope 2005 is a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous year for everyone. The KARGO KINGS will be geared up and ready to go for another year and look forward to the many challenges ahead as the Army and our military continue to be a nation at were while simulation.

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SGM McMillan (right) welcomes children from Saedeul-won Orphanage as they walk in the building for their Christmas party arranged by the Kargo Kings.

I would like to say thanks to all the sponsors and Kargo King personnel who helped to make our Annual Children's Christmas Party a success. Your selfless service helped to provide much needed gifts to two local orphanages. The microwaves and heaters will continue to give for years to come.

Congratulations to the following soldiers who are members of the 270 and Above Club for scoring 270 or more on their most recent APFT: PFC Hwang, I.T. (322); CPL Hwang, D.Y. (299); SGM McMillan (297); CPT Wolfe (293); MAJ Draper (293); CPL Hong, J.C. (282); and CPL Moon, S. B. (279). These Soldiers have made physical fitness a priority in their lives by utilizing the gym and other facilities during their free time. The goal is to have everyone score above 270. Keep on pumping.

As we prepare for a busy second quarter, take advantage of free time to enjoy your families and each other. We are still a country at war; make Force Protection a way of life.

Unit First, People Always

837TH OPERATIONS SECTION GOING STRONG!!

CPT Christopher R. Wolfe Operations Officer

The Kargo Kings Operations Section continued its high optempo for the past three months by working six vessels. Once again, the Operations section proved they have the right stuff when it comes to loading ships. In October, we loaded over 240 pieces of equipment on the Cape Horn, MV Scan Finlandia and the SS Wilson.

We used the Port of Gwangyang for the Cape Horn proving it's viability for port operations. Throughout the quarter, we received a total of 108 M1A1s from 2d Infantry Division, which were loaded in two vessels, Cape Horn and MV Scan Finlandia. We also received the SS Wilson while the MV San Finlandia was in port thus conducting two ship operations simultaneously.

Of the 59 pieces of equipment loaded onto the SS Wilson, 58 pieces went to Port Hueneme, CA and one piece to Naha, Okinawa. Since 52 pieces of the wheeled/track cargo were completely deadlined, we executed a lot of creative maneuvering to load the vehicles. Under the supervision of the experienced operations section, we first loaded the M88A1 tank recovery vehicle onto the vessel in order to maneuver the deadlined pieces within the vessel. We also used an M88 in the staging area in order to move

equipment around the port. Mr. Pak, Mr. O, and Mr. Kwak continued to impress with their knowledge and professionalism as we simultaneously loaded two vessels while conducting rail operations.

In the month of November, we received the MV Green Point at Pier 8. With one ship operation during the month, we still continued to perform the everyday mission of receiving containers, household goods, lumber, and loading rail cars. The section was involved in coordinating the 23d Chemical Battalion departure and 35th ADA Battalion's arrival into the theater, but because it was liner service, it wasn't a lot of hands on.

Continuing into December, we received the last 38 of the 144 M1A1s from the 2d Infantry Division, which were loaded on the MV Lopez. We also received another 16 M1A1s for the Cape Knox, which headed back to Ft Hood, Texas. The Operations section continued to stay busy and started preparing for an exciting New Year with at least five new missions scheduled in the early part of '05.



Loading M1A1 tanks onto MV Lopez

We still have three soldiers from the Operations section supporting the 599th Group in Kuwait. Mr. Brad MacPhearson departed in mid October with SSG Jules. SFC Sprague is also doing such a great job, the 599th Group will have a hard time letting him go.

Battalion OPTEMPO

DATES	VESSEL	PORT	IMPORT	EXPORT	COMMODIDTY	REMARKS
1-Oct-04	CAPE HORN	Pier 8	1	76	M1A1s	APS-5
4-6 Oct 04	CAPE HORN	Kwangyang	0	146	800 Series Veh	Iraqi Army
28-30 Oct 04	MV SCAN FINLANDIA	Pier 8	0	40	M1A1s	APS-5
29 Oct 04-1 Nov 04	SS WILSON	Pier 8	0	59	5Tons	Retrograde
4-Nov-04	MV GREEN POINT	Pier 8	4	3	GENNOs	
9-12 Dec 04	MV LOPEZ	Pier 8	0	38	M1A1s	APS-5
12-13 Dec 04	MV LOPEZ	Chinhae	0	110	Ammunition	Retrograde

Cargo Distribution Section Happenings & 'Shout-Outs'

Mr. Kelii Bright Acting Chief, CDS

The 2005 fiscal year began with a bang for CDS, and once again the section members stepped up to the plate and blasted an out of the park homerun. Headlining CDS's accomplishments this quarter was the successful negotiation and documentation that accomplished the repositioning of 144 M1A1s to SWA, two ammo moves from Chinhae Ammo Pier, and most notably three all-commercial liner service unit moves—namely the 23rd Chemical Battalion's successful redeployment to Ft. Lewis, Washington, the 13 BIDS Company's move to Ft. Hood, Texas, and the receipt of the 35th ADA Brigade into the Korean theater.

For many years, CDS has laid quietly in the shadows of the more photogenic, hustle and bustle, chain-breaking, railloading, 88-H focus of the transportation community. Fortunately for our pencilpushing section, this past quarter saw much of the limelight switch from the traditionally 88-H pier-ops locus to our CDS equivalents of the 88-N. During the first quarter of FY05, CDS managed to bid adieu to the Maersk-SeaLand Innovator and Explorer with their 5,180 MTONS of 23rd Chemical Battalion equipment and 1,451 MTONS of 13 BIDS Company's cargo, and a cheerful "An nyong haseyo" to the new kids on the block—the 35th ADA Brigade. Over the course of three ships, The APL China, Singapore, and Korea, our CDS section successfully 'inprocessed' 400+ pieces of the Air Defense Brigade's critical equipment. All of these unit moves were accomplished via

completely liner service, with few hiccups except in those cases where extensive guidance attempted to turn a commercially contracted move into a military operation.

The quarter also saw the farewell of the author, Acting Chief of Cargo Distribution and resident CP-24 Intern Keli'i K Bright. I cannot give enough Kudos to the internship program which teaches those privileged few the coursework that provides one with the groundwork for success, reinforces it with OJT in various of the transportation facets (including aerial ports, defense depots, and ITOs), and then allows the individual to spend an extended period of time gaining an understanding and appreciation of the SDDC port battalions. To Karen Hannah, Ellen Savedge, Galyn Wirtes and the rest of the OCOT Civilian Proponency office— Thank you. My time here in Korea has been educational and rewarding to say the least, going from a wide-eyed intern to Acting Chief, CDS, to my new job as ITO of Area II/ Yongsan Garrison (where I'm writing this paper right now.) Thanks for hiring and helping to shape me.

To all the Korean National staff at the 837th, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to be your student, part-time English teacher/proofreader, and for my members of CDS, eventually your leader. It has been a pleasure to learn from the Subject Matter Experts out in the field (both Ops and CDS), who ultimately are responsible for the fulfillment of SDDC's mission of deployment and distribution management. ROK on Kargo Kings!!! (P.S. If you're

having a hard time reading this, please take a few extra minutes every day and practice your English. Not kidding.)

To the Command Group, LTC Kramer and MAJ Draper, thanks for the opportunity to show the world what I'm capable of. To my former TOBC G-Co Commander CPT Wolfe, it still feels weird to just call you "Chris." I wish the best of luck and continuing success to all of you.

To 599th, especially Gordon, Dennis, and Marty—it's been a blast and a pleasure working with you. To whoever it was up there that made the call to let me go on Cobra Gold '03 and '04, FYI, I somehow ended up with a wife out of those exercises. For now, Bless You. To the guys out in the desert, keep up the great work... shucks, I guess you'll have to send me a postcard. To Al Landers—football season is about over, get back to work. To Christine and Jan, take care of PACOM and

make Dennis and Marty stop bugging us for SITREPs. © To the all the rest of you who I've forgotten to mention—I haven't forgotten—this paper is just getting too long. To all my Spearheads of Logistics—Transportation is a small world; I'll see you on the flip side.





Military Replaces 'THREATCON' with 'FPCON' to Designate Threat Alerts On Bases

Mr. Fred Vandersys
Unit AT/FP Security Officer

EXPLANATION OF FORCE PROTECTION CONDITIONS (FPCON)

The Force Protection Conditions (FPCON) system is mandated by Department of Defense directive. It describes progressive levels of security measures in response to Force Protections to U.S. Army personnel and facilities.

The FPCON system is the baseline and foundation for development of all force protection plans and orders.

Declaration of a particular FPCON and

implementation of appropriate security and protective measures may be decreed by higher headquarters (Department of the Army, Military District of Washington), or the garrison commander following receipt of intelligence through official sources or following an anonymous threat.

There Are Five Force Protection Conditions:

FPCON NORMAL: Local security measures designed for implementation when there is no credible threat of terrorist activity. Under these conditions, only a routine security posture designed to defeat the routine criminal threat is warranted.

FPCON ALPHA: This applies when there is a general threat activity against personnel and/or installations, the nature and extent of which is unpredictable, and circumstances do not justify full implementation of FPCON BRAVO.

- 1. At regular intervals, personnel will be advised to report the following to appropriate law enforcement or security agencies:
- Suspicious personnel, particularly those carrying suitcases or other containers, or those observing, photographing or asking questions about military operations or security measures (such suspicious personnel and/or activities should be reported to the Military Police);
- 3. Unidentified vehicles parked or operated in a suspicious manner or in the vicinity of U.S. installations, units or facilities;
- 4. Abandoned parcels or suitcases;
- 5. Any other activity considered suspicious.

<u>FPCON BRAVO</u>: This applies when an increased or more predictable threat exists. In addition to the measures required by FPCON ALPHA, the following measures will be implemented:

- 1. Increase the frequency of warnings as previously required under FPCON AL-PHA, and inform personnel of additional threat information as appropriate;
- 2. Inform soldiers, civilian employees and family members of the general threat situation to stop rumors and prevent unnecessary alarm;
- Move automobiles and objects such as trash containers and crates a safe distance from potential targets;
- 4. Verify the identity of all personnel entering the installation by inspecting ID cards or grant access based on visual recognition;
- 5. Increase the frequency of random identity checks (inspection of ID cards, security badges and vehicle registration documents).

FPCON CHARLIE: Applies when an incident occurs or intelligence indicates some form of threat against personnel and/or facilities is imminent. Implementation of FPCON CHARLIE measures, for more than a short period, will probably create hardships for personnel and affect the peacetime activities of units and personnel.

Implement the following:

- 1. Continue all FPCON ALPHA and BRAVO measures or introduce those which have not been implemented;
- Verify the identity of all personnel entering the installation, facilities and activities. Inspect ID cards, security badges or other forms of personnel identification.
 Visually inspect the interior of all vehicles and exterior of all suitcases, brief-

cases and other containers. Increase the frequency of vehicle inspections;

- 3. Reduce installation access points to the absolute minimum necessary for continued operation;
- 4. Erect barriers required to control the direction of traffic flow.

FPCON DELTA: Implementation applies in immediate area where a threat attack has occurred or when intelligence indicates terrorist action in a specific location is likely. Implementation of FPCON DELTA normally occurs for only limited periods of time over specified, localized areas.

Implement the following:

- 1. Continue all FPCON ALPHA, BRAVO and CHARLIE measures or introduce those which have not already been implemented;
- 2. Inspect all vehicles entering the installation, facility or activity;
- 3. Limit access to those personnel with a legitimate and verifiable need to enter;
- 4. Inspect all baggage (suitcases, packages, and briefcases) brought on the installation for presence of explosives or incendiary devices, or other dangerous items;
- 5. Cancel or delay all administrative movement that is not mission essential.

The decision to implement a particular FPCON is a command decision. It is based on an assessment of the Force Protection, vulnerability of personnel or facilities, criticality of personnel or facilities, availability of security resources, impact on operations and morale, damage control considerations, international relations and the potential for U.S. government actions to trigger a terrorist response.

Frequently, information concerning the Force Protection is limited to general descriptions of terrorist capabilities and intentions.

Often, specific tactics and targets are not identified until it is too late to implement deterrent measures or until after an attack has already occurred. For this reason, the absence of specific information concerning the immediate threat does not preclude imple-



menting a higher FPCON and/or taking additional security measures when general information indicates an increased vulnerability or heightened risk to personnel and/or facilities exists.

Security guards Mr. Yi, Chol-suk and Mr. Kim, Yong-chol perform a 100% ID check and vehicle inspection.

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Managing Office Files

By Mr. Eddy D. McLendon - Admin Officer

The task of rearranging existing or setting up new office files rank at the top of the list of things to do for office managers at the beginning of each new year. Most office managers delegate this responsibility to their administrative personnel. In 2003 our records management system changed to the Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS) that replaced the Modern Army Recordkeeping Systems or MARKS. AR 25-400-2 as supplemented governs ARIMS. The purpose of ARIMS is to ensure mission essential records are available when needed, that they are in a usable format, and that they are created, maintained, used, and disposed of at the least possible cost. Records clerks from each battalion section were trained on ARIMS initially in 2003 and some received refresher training in 2004.

The Personnel & Admin Section serves as the battalion's focal point for all records management issues. The Administrative Officer (AO) as the unit records manager provides guidance and oversight over the unit's records management program. Sections should appoint at least one knowledgeable individual (records clerk) within their section to manage records they create and maintain. The AO is responsible for coordinating the battalion's ARIMS training needs with the installation records manager.



Ms. Im, Chi-yon reviewing files in the Personnel & Admin Section.



Ms. Pae, Mi-young retrieving stevedore invoice documentation.

Section Chiefs are responsible for the on-going internal review of their records management procedures to ensure that on-hand files are properly maintained and disposed of according to ARIMS guidelines. Most reviews are often done at the end of the fiscal or calendar year, but can be done at anytime especially if there is a significant mission change. Section Chiefs are encouraged to become knowledgeable of the types of records they maintain and to coordinate their records management needs with the unit records manager.

Visitors to the Land of the KARGO KINGS (PIER 8)

MAJ Terry Draper

Executive Officer

After a fast-paced and seemingly never-ending list of visitors to Pier 8 during the 4th Quarter of FY 2004, the visits slowed down a bit to start off the new fiscal year. Although the list wasn't long, it was still distinguished.

October 2004

Mrs. Francis, Ms. O, Mr. Grago: Daegu CPAC

CAPT Price: Military Sealift Command, Far East Commander Mr. Barry Tang: Attache' to the United States Embassy

November 2004

8th PERSCOM Staff Ride

LTC Harding: Commander, 607th Air Support Squadron

Commissioner Bonner: Director of Immigration and Border Patrol (Department of

Homeland Security)

LTC Curry: USFK Deputy Provost Marshall

BG Steven Anderson: USFK J4

December 2004

CW5 Olson: EUSA G3 Air Staff BG Schweiger: USFK Wartime J4 COL Toomey and Staff: MSCK-O, Camp Carroll



BG Anderson and LTC Kramer on the roof top.

Kargo Kings Host Hazmat Course

Mr. Mark Rice 599th Trans Gp Forwarder

For the second time this calendar year, the 837th Trans Battalion hosted a Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) training class from Nov 29 to Dec 10 at Pier 8. Our Operations Officer, CPT Wolfe did an excellent job with the logistical challenges required in getting all the right people together. One of those key players was Mr. Max Pacada from the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center, who was the instructor for the 2-week class.

We had a total of 30 students comprised of US Soldiers, DACs and KNs, from units all over Korea, our sister battalions and even our Group headquarters in Hawaii. By organizing and hosting the class, we continue to build on our reputation as the subject matter experts.

This type of training is critical for the unit, as we routinely deal with HAZMAT shipments at Pier 8 and the Port of Chinhae during ammunition operations. Handling shipments at the piers is not our only mission needing the HAZMAT skills. As more units deploy or relocate from Korea, we lend our expertise to our customers by

leaning forward and visiting the deploying units to make sure shipping documents get prepared "RIGHT" the first time.

The course covered topics such as "Carriage of Dangerous Goods, Shipment of Dangerous goods by aircraft/ watercraft and proper documentation and packaging." The instructor was very knowledgeable, the material was interesting and the tests were definitely challenging. Mr. Pacada was impressed that only one student was not able to complete the course.

The use of the mobile training team (MTT) was not only a training opportunity, it allowed units to send their people to this important training without having to spend large sums of money for TDY off the peninsula. Utilizing these MTTs is clearly the way to go from a financial standpoint, resulting in significant cost savings. We will see more and more MTTs in the future, as we work hard to reduce costs by bringing the instructors to the personnel who require training.



KATUSA PERSPECTIVE

By CPL Lee, Sung-ho Senior KATUSA

Christmas Party

On 10 December 2004, all of the 837th members took the bus at the main gate of Camp Hialeah attend the Christmas party. The Christmas party was held in the Hotel Paradise where it was the same time as the last year. First, we had great dinner and drew tickets to receive the Christmas presents. We enjoyed the great show by KATUSA soldiers. We feel the KATUSA soldiers did their best and tried to show the best. And they did outstanding! Lastly, we had time for dancing and talking freely. The Christmas party this year was fantastic and everyone who attended enjoyed their time.

Common Tasks Training (CTT) classes

During 16 Dec 04 - 17 Dec 04, the KATUSA soldiers conducted CTT classes that were supervised by US military. Each KATUSA soldiers was assigned to teach and evaluate one subject of the selected tasks of CTT. Classes were composed of: PowerPoint presentation, demonstration and evaluation. Some classes were held outside to maximize the effectiveness of this training. It was beneficial and instructive for KATUSA soldiers, since the CTT classes were only held in KTA and this annual training helps them to memorize it in long lasting way. All KATUSA's demonstrated their diligence and professionalism by achieving first-time "GO's" in each tasks. Classes offered great motivation and discipline to the KATUSA soldiers, reminding them of basic knowledge of military common skills.

Promotion

Some of the KATUSA soldiers were promoted in this quarter. PVT Hwang was



Unit monthly promotion ceremony being held on every first working day of the month.

promoted to PFC on October 1. CPL Sohn and CPL Jo were promoted to SGT. PFC Moon was promoted to CPL on November 1. SGT Sohn, SGT Jo, and CPL Moon recited the Creed of Non-Commissioned Officer. They did very well, and everyone could feel that they have great potential as NCO's.

Praise competition

Regardless of the high tempo of operations during the months of November & December (CTT classes, PT Test, Bn. Christmas Party, Orphanage Party, etc.), KATUSA's within the Battalion selflessly participated in "Camp Hialeah Union" Choir. Although we were originally told that praise competition would be held in Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, Korea, KATUSA's did not hesitating to participate in this. Though there are lots of difficulties and barrier to this competition, we know how important it is for each of us, that nothing is placed above God. Members of the "Camp Hialeah Union" came from units such as: 837th Trans Bn, 20th Support, KORO, 4th OM, 293rd SigPage 14 PIER TALK

nal, 552nd MP and 168th Medical Company. We practiced 4 hours a day, three times a week. This process was not easy, everyone had their own schedule and it was difficult to coincide time. The two songs we choose to sing were also difficult and we didn't have a female member that could sing the Soprano portions. In spite of the issues previously mentioned, we overcame everything and put together a really good Choir that was able to win Second Place among all KATUSA choirs assembled from across the Peninsula for this competition. Our accomplishment is memorable, but what will always remain in my heart and mind is the memory of the time we spend together preparing and the friendships that were developed.

Orphanage Christmas Party

Although short on time to prepare for the Orphanage Christmas Party, due to completing CTT training the day before orphanage party, the Battalion put on quite a festive celebration for the Orphanages that participated. During the orphanage party, I was so ashamed. The reason for this is that I was never interested in an orphan child. This orphanage party was my first time to meet a child from an orphanage. I felt some guilt as a "grown-up" person for

my lack of true concern and understanding for the challenges they face. The children from the orphanages were so full of life and eager to share this day with us. They were so excited to play in the playground and I saw that Mr. Vandersys, SSG Bartell and SSG Bruce playing with them in person. I was very impressed that U.S. Army not only helps defend our nation but also helps to elevate the Korean community. The Orphanage party was a great time for both the Orphanage children and the Pier 8 personnel that attended. Through this experience, I was able to reconnect to the child within myself.

PT Test

The 837th Trans. Bn. military members took the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) Test on 23 NOV 04. **PFC** Hwang, from Training, got the best score in the Battalion with a score of 322 points. We also had seven personnel achieve a score of 270 points or above. Everyone did their best. However, we did have three soldiers who were unable to pass the APFT, these soldiers have been preparing very hard to successfully complete the next PT test. We are confident that they will make us all proud and that the hours spent preparing will pay off.

Army Physical Fitness Test

Rank & Name	Section	Score
PFC Hwang, In-tae	Training	322
SGM Clifford McMillan	Terminal Ops	297
MAJ William T. Draper	CMD & SPT	294
CPT Christopher R. Wolfe	Terminal Ops	293
CPL Hwang, Dae-young	Terminal Ops	292
PFC Hong, Jin-chae	Supply	282
CPL Moon, Suk-bin	Cargo Distribution	279



Joining the Kargo Kings

PVT Kim, Do-hyung NBC Section



Hello. I'm PVT Kim, Do-hyung. I came to camp Hialeah last December. I'm so happy to see you and be here, because I came back home. People here are so friendly. I work for the NBC section. Before I came here I was afraid of my work, because of NBC gas experience. Though I'm still learning this skill, I like and enjoy it.

I majored in Economics for 2-years in Sungkyunkwan university. I played baseball for the university club. I was thier catcher and I'll also play after my military service.

My MOS is not related to my major but I will do well.

I want to thank all of you working for Kargo Kings. And I hope I finish my military service well in 837th Trans BN. Please help and give me advice. I am really glad to be here.

Have a nice day. Thank you.

PVT Park, Seung-hyun Terminal Operations



Hello. Nice to meet you. I'm PVT Park, Seung-hyun from OPERATIONS. I'm a new KATUSA of the 837th Transportation Batallion.

I was born in Gwang-Ju and grew up there until I graduate High school. First of all, I'm very glad to be joining the 837th TRANS BN. Actually, when I heard my unit in KTA, I was so depressed. Because my hometown Gwang-Ju is far from Busan and I have never been to Busan before. But as time goes by, I'm satisfied with becoming a member of the Kargo Kings. Before I joined the Army, I was student of SNUT. My major is in the Automative Department. I'm interested in automotive, so I chose this as my major. I've finished 5 semester. I love to play any kind of exercise and computer games.

As a baby KATUSA, I often make a mistake and sometimes I misunderstand NCO's or Officer's command because my English ability is a little lower than other seniors. But I believe that my abil-

ity is going to get better as time goes by. I will respect my seniors and follow our unit rules. I'm so motivated and I will maintain my passion until I ETS.

Fortunately, I could join the Cp. Hialeah, especially, 837th Transportaion battalion and meet nice people such as you. I'm going to do my job successfully with the 837th Trans Bn. Thank you.

Kargo Kings Host Annual Orphanage Party

MAJ Terry Draper Executive Officer



Individual gifts for children around the Christmas tree decorated for them.

December 18, 2004 was a happy day for over 55 children from two orphanages in the local Busan area: Saeduel and Happy Home. Members of the battalion hosted their annual orphanage Christmas Party on Camp Hialeah at the religious retreat center. The event, planned and coordinated by SGM McMillan, Dr. Son, Ms. Chu, Ms Im and the rest of the NCO leadership and KATUSAs, proved to be enjoyable and memorable for kids and adults alike.

Of particular note was the generosity of a Reverend Tony Jones who has consistently donated funds to help purchase gifts

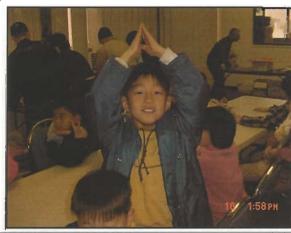
for the children over the years. Rev Jones lives in the United States and through his church organization (Eastern United Methodist Church), donated the funds. His brother, Mr. Enrique Jones, was once a member of the KARGO KING battalion and approached us again this year about his brother donating funds to this most-important event. Furthermore, Dr. Son from our CDS Section was able to get Maersk-Sealand and APL Shipping companies to donate space heaters that were in desperate need at



Mr. Enrique Jones, a brother of the Reverand Tony Jones, joins the party and spends time with kids.



When the Korean Kids are happy, (left photo) they make sign of V for victory. (right photo) Kim, Yongmin, makes a heart sign with his arms to the Kargo Kings.



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one of the orphanages. Through donations by ISC and the battalion, we were able to purchase eight microwave ovens for the other orphanage home. Aside from the toys, these gifts will keep giving to the children of these homes well throughout the year.

The day's activities included a train ride around Camp Hialeah with the engineer responsibilities given to SSG Jon Bruce. The kids enjoyed their ride and some made the trip more than once. The kids enjoyed their time on the playground and feasted on pizza, Korean food, drink boxes and ice cream. If they weren't excited before the food, they were surely "sugared up" after the meal.

As the day came to an end, Santa Claus made a visit to the retreat center where he handed out individual gifts to all of the children. Some people claim that Mr. Fred Vandersys was playing Santa, but Mr. Vandersys assures us that he was taking pictures the entire time; although no one can claim that they saw him during Santa's visit. Ms. Kim from CDS graciously donated a grandfather clock that she won at the battalion Christmas party raffle to one of the orphanages.

All in all, it was a great day and the children left with a smile on their face, their bellies full and hopefully a lasting impression of the great people from the battalion. For one day, we were able to help out those who



Playing in and out





Mr. Vandersys presents each child a gift.

All the kids love the play ground at Camp Hialeah.

MAJ Draper shows kids how they look in a digital camera.

are less fortunate than we are during the holiday season. Great job and much appreciation for those who took time out of their weekend to make this a memorable event!

Bn Christmas Gala Paradise Beach Hotel 10 Dec 04



Cocktail bar full of people.

Cocktail hours



(from left) Mr. Kim, ISC and Mr. Cho and Mr. Kim, Ops enjoy a beverage.



(left) LTC Eberhart and (right) CDR Miller

PARADIS HOTEL

LTC Kramer makes opening remarks and a Holiday Seasons greeting.

Raffle for Door Prize



LTC Kramer picks a raffle ticket and Mr. McLendon calls out the number.



Ms. Kim, Hye-kyong wins the grand prize and displays an actual photo of the grandfather clock she donated to the orphanage.

Bn Christmas Gala (Continued)



MC for the Night - Mr. Eddy McLendon



PV2 Koo, Jun-yong; NBC Room, is being introduced to the Kargo Kings as well as PV2 Lee, Chong-sol; Training Section and PV2 Kim, Chong-tae, CDS.





Buffet line led by Kargo Queens.

Performance



(from left) CPL Jo, Hyung-rae, CPL Jo, Seung-joon, PFC Hwang, In-tae, PV2 Koo, Joon-yong, and CPL Chon, Hyung-wook sing a gospel song.



(from left) PFC Im, Woo-je, PFC Moon, Do-sik, and CPL Kim, Woo-jin perform a skit while dancing.



PFC Hwang, In-tae and CPL Hwang, Dae-yong shows a smashing technique of the Korean Taekwon-do.

Free Dancing Time



DJ for the night - SFC Gould



(from left) Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Bruce and CDR Miller enjoy a little dancing after dinner.



Why not dance, good enough to do it! (from left) SSG Bartell, SSG Bruce and Ms. Im.

Marks of Excellence

JSAM

CPT Christopher R. Wolfe, Ops Officer, Tml Ops SGM Clifford McMillan, Bn SGM, Tml Ops

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Mr. Kelii Bright, Acting Chief, CDS

837th Trans Bn's Senior System Employee of the 1st Qtr, FY 05

Mr. Son, Hui-chol, Supv Trans Mgmt Spec, CDS

837th Trans Bn's Base System Employee of the 1st Otr, FY 05

Mr. Chong, Kun-hwa, Trans Assistant, CDS

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Ms. Chu, Kyong-ae, Mgmt Spt Ass't, CMD & SPT

Mr. Ha, Hyong-pae, Pier Op Support Spec, Terminal Ops

Ms. Han, Tu-hui, Trans Specialist, Cargo Distribution

Mr. Hong, Kyong-ho, Accounting Tech, Terminal Ops

Ms. Im, Chi-yon, Office Spt Ass't, CMD & SPT

Mr. Kim, Chang-kon, Marine Cargo Specialist, Terminal Ops

Ms. Kim, Hye-kyong, Trans Specialist, Cargo Distribution

Mr. Kwak, Chong-chu, Marine Cargo Specialist, Tml Ops

Mr. O, Chae-ki, Marine Cargo Specialist, Tml Ops

Mr. Pak, Chae-yul, Info Tech Specialist, CMD & SPT

Mr. Pak, Mun-sang, Budget Analyst, CMD & SPT

Mr. Pak, Kil-yong, Margo Cargo Specialist, Terminal Ops

Mr. Yi, Chong-won, Info Tech Specialist, CMD & SPT

Mr. Yi, Man-ho, Budget Analyst, CMD & SPT

Mr. Yun, Chang-hwan, Tml Ops Ass't, Tml Ops

Certificate of Appreciation

Ms. Chong, Yong-hui, Quality Assurance Spec, Tml Ops

Mr. Kim, Chang-kon, Marine Cargo Specialist, Tml Ops

Mr. Yi, Chong-won, Info Tech Specialist, CMD & SPT

Mr. Yi, Ku-hyong, Trans Ass't, CDS

Mr. Yi, Sung-taek, Marine Cargo Specialist, Tml Ops

On-the-Spot Cash Award

Mr. Kim, Chang-tong, Supply Specialist, CMD & SPT

Mr. Cha, Hyong-yong, MAT Handler, KSC

Mr. Chong, To-yong, Painter, KSC

Mr. Kang, Kyong-tae, Mat Handler, KSC

Mr. Kim, Tong-yong, Sing Paint Jr., KSC

Mr. Pak, Sang-mun, Lab Heavy, KSC

Mr. Yang, Pyong-ki, Lab Heavy Foreman, KSC

"Variety is the very spice of life."
- William Cowper (English Poet, 1731-1800) -